

ters were written and it was, near closing time, Harkness nerved himself for the task and asked Jean to take a dictation.

"My dear Miss —," You can leave out the name," he said. Then he went on: "I want to know you better. I want to come to your home. Will you let me call? Please answer a sincere friend and admirer."

Harkness noted with a strange little twitch of his lip that her hand trembled, that she made mistakes, and when she said she must make another copy he got up and turned away.

"I will address it," he said.

The next morning she handed him a letter.

"You made a mistake and addressed this to me," she said. It was the letter to the lady that she had written.

He looked at the letter.

"No," he said, "I made no mistake." At her mystified look, he added: "I meant it. May I come?"

No one was as much surprised as Mr. Bradbury when the wedding cards came out.

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#### PLAIN TAILORED COAT SUIT

By Betty Brown.

The severely plain tailored suit commonly described as "English" never loses its popularity with conservative dressers. As modified for this spring, the coat is scalloped and all the edges are finished with a binding of silk braid. The width of the front is broken by three stitched down pleats. This style of street suit is extremely practical and durable and is also very becoming to a fine figure.

Early in the season there was a tendency to neglect the coat suit in favor of a long coat to be worn over a separate frock, but as soon as woman discovered that she was concealing the best lines of her figure in the fashionable long loose wraps she

renewed her interest in the conventional combination of skirt and coat for street wear.



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#### TODAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

April 3, 1832. — Postoffice established at Salt Creek, Macon county. Mahlon Hall, Esq., was appointed postmaster. This postoffice is on the mail route between Decatur and Bloomington.